SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic

THE WEATHER	
PORBCAST.	
St. Look and Vicinity.	60 m 34 mb
Partly cloudy to-day;	s38
much warmer. Fair and warmer to-day; fair to- morrow; colder in north- war: portion.	12 m.—40 ***
was: portion.	3 pm66 "
Yesterday's Conditions. The weather yesterlay	a
mun temperature was 46 degrees, and the mini-	D "-45 "
mun 26 degrees. The wind was from the porth-	1: "-43 "
the highest velocity being twelve miles an hour.	3 am42. "

MINIATURE ALMANAC, MARCH 2. 6:12 Me on rises Moon Changes.

Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer weather with variable winds, becoming southerly as wears on, constitute the me till of fare for to-day.

The storm that hung over the lower Misesipt! Valley Monday has moved to the At-intle esaboard, increasing in intensity as it proceeded eastward. In consequence of this turbance nearly all sections Mississippi River have had rainfalls of vary-

west of the Blocky Mountains and on the North "Want" Ads on Pages 10, 11 and 12. Births, Deaths, Marriage Licenses

and Corporation Records. PAGE 19-

sounts in the last thirty-sig hour

Stain is reported also from stations in Tease,

ourt Vailey, the districts east and

FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

1. Pituation in Venezuela

South Side Railway Bill Passed War In Far Enst. "1,000" Committee to Aid Wells. Manufacturers for Bond Issue.

Hadley Begins Oil Inquiry. | 4. Equitable Adopts New Order. Folk Pardons Train Robber.

2. Returns With Brother in Cus

Opposition to Lever Hill. 7. Hishop Becomes Judge To-Day. 14. Revolution in Guntemain. Millionaire's Son Ends Life.

FOREIGX.

Minister Bowen informs the Venezuelan authorities that if the difficulties with the American Asphalt Company are not submitted to arbitration, the United States will take means to see that justice is done to its citizens. PAGE 1.

The Russian retreat from Tie Pass is proceeding rapidly and in orderly fashion, PAGE 1.

WAR IN THE EAST. General Kuropatkin departs from Har-

bin to the south, to assume command of the Pirst Army Corpe, to which he was appointed at his own request. PAGE 1. LOCAL AND SUBERRAY.

The Coroner's jury investigating the

death of Mrs. Page, at No. 2211 Market street, found a verdict of homicic

St. Louis Presbyterian churches are expected to approve proposed union with Joseph Gehler Sr., of Belleville won suit General Linevitch Has Estab

for \$300 against his son. PAGE 5. Husband and wife, arrested at midnight, expected to furnish clews to myste rious downtown burglaries. PAGE 14. Business Men's Wells Campaign Commattee of 1,000 was organized. PAGE 1. it is estimated that 7,500 miles of new radroad is under construction or has been PAGE 7 contracted for this year. Roy E. Miller returned to Paris, Ill., in

custody of his brother, charged with steal-PAGE 2 ing his horse. GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Attorney General Hadley summons rep resentatives of the Standard Oil Company before the Supreme Court for a hearing preliminary to possible ouster proceed-

A sensational story of James Hargis intimidating an entire Grand Jury to told in a trial which airs the inside working of the famous Kentucky feud. PAGE 1.

The directors of the Equitable Ide Assurance Society adopt the mutualization plan, whereby after four years the policy | holders of the company will have a majority of the board as their representatives. PAGE 4

The son of Millianaire Griscom of Philadelphia, who disappeared the first of January, committed seletile Sunday by jump- end of the month, ocean steamer. Governor Folk pardons J. West, who

beld up a train near Sedalia, Mo., in November, 1805. Governor Davis of Arkansas sends a special message to the Legislature advis-

ing the defeat of Senator Killough's bill reorganizing the St. Francois Levee Board, charging that the Senator, fafling of reappointment, desires to perpetuate himself in office. PAGE 4

The Colorado Legislature adopts the report declaring persons charged with bribegiving in the recent gubernatorial contest PAGE .

SPORT NEWS. Manager McAleer of the Browns will

carry eighteen men as regular members PAGE & of the team. King Elleworth won the feature race at Ouklawn from Jack Young and Priority.

BUSINESS.

Testerday's bank clearings were \$1.05.46, 46, alances \$10.66. Local discount rates were between the and \$40 per cent. Domestic exint asket; Cincinnati He discount bil, par file Me discount bid, Me discount

Wheat closed higher at \$1.00% bid May: \$1.15 May; offic No 2 mixed. Outs closed at 274c Spot cotton was unchanged in the local mar-

set at 75c for mildling. MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELA. Karatsu, March 20 - Sailed: Adam

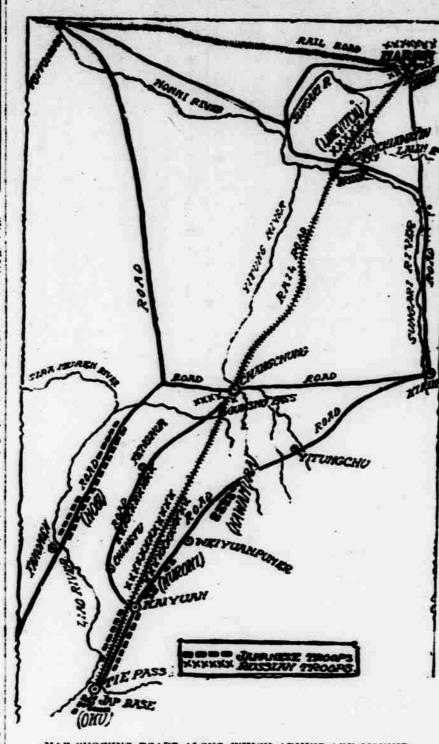
ducy, New South Wales, March 21.-Arof (newstously): Venture.

London, March 38 -Artred: Minneapo Sverpool, March 21. - Sailed; Sylvanta. rep. March I .- Arrived: Zeeland wate del Gada, March 11 -Arrived; Canople

rotel, March 21 -Sailed; Lake Cham-

March E. 11th a m -Arrival

RUSSIAN ARMIES DAILY **GETTING CLOSER TOGETHER.**



MAP SHOWING ROADS ALONG WHICH ARMIES ARE MOVING.

The Japanese theory of General Linevitch's plans is that he will mass his re-enforced armies along the road leading from Changchung to Kirin. Already the Russian commander-in-chief has begun massing and reorganizing his fresh troops from Harbin at Chenchiawatzu, at the Sungari River crossing. From this point troops are being dispatched southward to Changchung, where they probably will effect a junction with the main army retreating northward from Kaiyuan and Changtu. The Japanese main column is marching along the great trade road, twenty miles west of the railroad and ten to fifteen miles west of the Kirin Mandarin road, along which the Russians are retreating.

Two Strangers Attack Lone Man

and Rob Him, After Knocking

Him Into Unconsciousness-

Irwin Raptiste of No. 1444 Temple place

was held up by two masked men shortly before last midnight at the corner of

Bapdate was walking toward his home

and at the street intersection a stranger

larted from behind a telegraph pole, drew

gun on Baptiste and ordered him to

hold up his hands. Baptiste endeavored

to struggle with the highwayman and

As the gun dropped to the sidewalk,

econd stranger ran from behind and

struck Baptiste on the back of the head

The blow rendered him unconscious and

drove him to the ground. As he lay,

stunned, the two went through his clothes

Baptiste remained cased for a few moments, and after reviving made his way home, where he notified the police by telephone. An invertigation developed the story related by Baptiste.

EXPLANATION OF FIRING

London, March 21.-Russian official eir-

sies in London although without news

are inclined to credit a Harbin story pub-

lished in Paris connecting the firing : --

ported to have been heard yesterday morn.

ing about seven miles south of Tie Pass

The dispatch from Harbin points out

that the only explanation of a cannonade

in that locality is that Rennenkampff has

at length arrived at Tie Pass, where the

Russian armies were ordered to rendezvous

in case of retreat, but only to find the

place occupied by the Japanese. Consequently, it is feared that Repnenkampff

place occupied by the Japan

with General Rennenkampff's division

"SOUTH OF TIE PASS."

knocked the gun from his hands.

and took 2 and a silver watch.

Clara and Minerva avenues.

with a sandbag.

Take \$3 and Silver Watch.

SEEMS SUCCESSFUL

lished Headquarters on the Sungari River.

KUROPATKIN GOES TO FRONT

Ovation for Former Commander When He Departs From Harbin-Mobilization of New Army Proceeds Rapidly.

RUSSIAN FLEETS

DRAWING TOGETHER. 2 London, March 2-The corre-

o spondent at Aden of the Daily Mail . • reports that thirty-four steamers • · laden with 100,000 tons of coal are waiting at Jibutil for the Russian & o fleet, which is expected there at the PARIS HAS UNIQUE

Canea, Island of Crete, March 2L. -The Russian Third Pacific Squad- ◆ ron, under Admiral Nebogatoff, has ◆ PAGE 4 | Pleft Suda Bay for Port Said.

6t. Petersburg, March 22 3:20 a. m.-The Russian army in Manchuria is still to have the services of General Kuroputkin, who is considered by many, in spite of his series of reverses, the best General and et strategist of the Russian Army. Sinking all feeling of personal bitternes because of his supercession, and all the old-time enmity between himself and General Linevitch, in a patriotic desire to be of service to the fatherland, the forme Commander in Chief volunteered to remain in any capacity with the army which be been accepted by Emperor Nicholas and gratefully received by the new leader of

the grand army. The change exactly reverses the old order of affairs, when Kuropatkin was the supreme leader and Linevitch directed the First Army. Authoritative news of this remarkable step was known to Manchuria

much earlier than in St. Petersburg. General Kuropatkin, having paured on his homeward journey at Harbin, started southward the afternoon of March 30 amidst a most remarkable farewell from residents of Harbin and soldiers who are on the way to fill out the ranks of the de-

HARMONY AT COUNCIL TABLE AT LAST IS ASSURED.

The send-off was a mere foretaste of what awaits General Europathin at the front, and his self-sacrificing determination and the equally patriotic course of General Linevitch in accepting the service tendered are bound to do wonders for the reinspiration of the Emperor's legions and give promise of union and harmony at cil table, which that army has

hitherto lacked. The retreat is apparently progressing uneventfully. No dispatches of moment nero exceived resterday. Little weight is placed here on the de-duction drawn at certain European capi-Providence, R. 1.; George N. Gutterson, Derry, R. H.; N. Van der Pyl. Mar blehend, Mass.; Reuben Thoman, Brookline, and James S. Williamson, Haverhill.

PASSES SOUTH SIDE

House of Delegates Votes Down Proposed Amendments to Manufacturers' Bill.

CROWD SEES SPIRITED FIGHT.

Franchise in Perpetuity Already Favorably Considered by the Council-Ferry System Is Contemplated.

The Manufacturers' Rallway bill, grant ing a franchise to operate railroad tracks over Second street and other streets in South St. Louis, and to construct and operate a ferry system between East St. Louis and St. Louis in perpetuity, passed the House of Delegates last night, with-

Delegates Birge, William A. Block. Hagerman, Griffin, Williams and McCarthy voted aginst the measure. Measrs measure on the floor. The proposed amend-ments were indorsed by the Clinens' Free Bridge and Improved Terminals' Associa tion and by the Joint Business Men's As

ciation of St. Louis. In substance the amendments asked for limited franchise of fifty years for the of Broadway, in conjunction with the city's efforts on behalf of the abolition of grade crossings; for the prevention of the solidation of the Manufacturers' terminal property with the present Termine city for the franchise, and that the city may at any time acquire the property granted under the ordinance to complet

The House chambers were crowded with ersons prominent in business and commercial life of the city interested in the passage of the bill, which has been in the House about two weeks.

The arguments against the bill were

heated. The sincerity of advocates of the measure was repeatedly questioned by its Block and Hagerman were voted on sep arately, and all rejected. All of the mem-

bers of the House were present except Delegate Lackband, who is ill. The members of the House who voted in favor of amending the bill were Speaker Gazzolo, Delegates Williams, William A. Block, Hagerman, Hammerstein and

Conran, Fontana, Griffin, Hughes, McAu-liffe, McCarthy, Mechan, Moloney, Norp, O'Brien, C'Nell, Rett, Stoops, Teschmachmermann voted against all the amend-

The bill was reported favorably without amendment by the Railroad Cor tee of the House, of which Fred Wied er is chalrman

DEFEAT ROCKEFELLER TICKET

Citizens of North Tarrytown Elect Butcher Village President.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Tarrytown, N. Y., March 21 .- For the brother, William Rockefeller, have been defeated in an election in North Tarry town. John Wirth, a young butcher, was to-day elected Village President by a plurality of 165 on an ant!-Rockefelle ticket, his opponent, favored by the Stand-ard Oli millionaires, being Warren J.

Millions of dollars' worth of property is wned in the village by the Rockefellers, who, in other years, have elected their own candidates. This year the tables were turned. The Rockefellers' ticket was neaded "The People's Party" and had for its emblem a large rooster. The Citizens' or opposition, ticket had for its emblem a safe, and young Mr. Wirth declared tonight, "Now I shall lock the rooster in my safe."

SCHWAB GOES TO RUSSIA

ironmaster Thought to Be After War Ship Contracts.

New York. March 21.-Charles M. Schwab sailed for Europe to-day on the steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm.

for St. Petersburg to negotiate the building of warships for Russia.

It was said that Mr. Schwab was bound

JULES VERNE PARALYZED. Famous French Author in Crit

ical Condition.

Amiens, March 21.-Late this evening M. Jules Verne sustained a stroke of paralyeis, affecting his right side, which has since been extended.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS PROTEST AGAINST ACCEPTING \$100,000 ROCKEFELLER GIFT.

Boston, March 21.-Congregational ministers representing Boston and various sections of New England have forwarded to the American Board of Com-· missioners for Foreign Missions a protest against the acceptance by the board of a gift of \$100.00 from John D. Rockefeller.

The petition, which was prepared by a committee chosen at a meeting of the clergymen, protests against the acceptance of the gift on the ground that the Standard Oil Company, of which Mr. Rockefeller is the head, "stands bethe fore the public under repeated and recent formidable indictments, in specific terms, for methods which are morally iniquitous and socially destructive," and that "the acceptance of such a gift involves the constituents of the board in a relation implying honor toward the donor and subjects the board to the charge of ignoring the moral issues involved "

In ending the protest says: "We, the undersigned, therefore, protest against any action by which our thurch may even seem to be compromised, and we plead with the officers of the board to decline the gift or to return it if it has been accepted." Among the signers are Daniel Evans, Cambridge; Edward F. Sanden

BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE A "COMMITTEE OF 1,000" TO AID GOOD GOVERNMENT

Enthusiastic Pledges of Support Given to the Cause of Mayor Wells in Representative Gathering at Mercantile Club-Representatives of the Best Commercial and Professional Life of St. Louis Promise to Work for the Democratic Nominees.

SUBSTANTIAL REASONS ARE CITED FOR OPPOSITION TO TALTY

TEXT OF ADDRESS TO VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS ADOPTED BY CITIZENS' MEETING LAST NIGHT

ipal government as will best promote the future welfare and prosperity of the city and its citizens. Such being our profound belief, we, as citizen voters of St. Louis do hereby associate ourselves for the pending campaign for the purpose of bringing about the election of the splendid ticket headed by Mayor Rolla Wella, and to that end coedially and carnestly invite the co-operation of our fellow-citizens of all political parties.

There are three tickets in the field from which the next municipal government must be chosen, and of them the Weils ticket is, in our opinion, highly preferable

Mayor Wells and his associates are just closing a most successful administra-tion, in striking contrast with that of his immediate predecessor, which was four years ago overthrown by an indigunat, outraged and long-out

We approve and commend the administration of Mayor Welis and his as They have put an end to boodling, and exterminated the scandals and foul crimes which so long diagraced and retarded the progress of the city. By impartial and scalous enforcement of the revenue laws they have increased the income of the city and enabled it to discharge with increased efficiency its public responsibilities. They have improved the condition of every city institution. They have completed the City Hall, enlarged the hospitals, provided public bathhouses and play grounds nstructed many miles of streets, extended the sever system, established a municipal lighting plant, acquired and put in operation a plant for the removal of garbage, which saves to the city nearly \$100,000 a year, and removes just grounds of offense to many deserving citizens. They have clarified and purified the city water and thereby promoted the public health and comfort. They have kept the streets clean and in repair, and enforced the laws governing the emission of moke. They have eliminated graft in the police cour's and increased the city's revenue by just fines honestly collected for violation of its ordinances. They have reduced the city's debt by advantageou: purchases of its bonds, and availed themselves of proper opportunities to renew its obligations upon terms more favorable than were ever before realized. They have practiced such economy in the conduct of the city departments as was consistent with efficiency. For these reasons they deserve well of the people.

A record of achievement is better than a pletform of promise, and we confidently rely upon the reforms which have already been innuga-rated as the best guarantee of those which are to follow. Mayor Welle's present candidacy originated in an urgent call, most compli-

mentary and henorable, from a multitude of our fellow-citizens that he become

To Mewer. Adams, Barroll, Bakewell and Others: Gentlemen-At your request, I have reconsidered my determination not to again be a candidate for office, and new inform you and all others concerned that I will accept a renomination, if the juigment of the party re gards it as upeful to the cause of good government. I had hoped to be able to refire at the end of my term of office, but I fully realize the

The flattering terms in which you have expressed your communication arsured me of th confidence of many of my fellow-citizens whom I most highly exteens, and if I am permitted do so, I will resume the responsibilities of effice in the hope that I may accomplish reform which are indispensable to the public welfare.

If I shall be renominated and elected. I pledge myself to practice such economy in the expenditure of the public funds as is consistent with the public welfare.

To do what lies within my power to continue the betterment of the various city institutions and to provide adequate public buildings.

To enlarge and extend the park system in such a manner as shall provide needed secretion grounds for the power classes, and a proper system of connecting boulevarie.

To abolish grade-crossings, and relieve the congestion of the present terminal situation by

ciding for the public use necessary facilities for commerce under such safeguards as the ablic interest may require.

To maintain and increase the present efficiency of the various city departments, and es-blish among public employes high moral tone, so that the welfare of the city shall be

paramount to all other considerations, The city has a splendid destiny, and must now confront the problems involved in i cause I believe in that greatness and earnestly desire to promote the city's welfare,

am willing to accept the responsibilities of re-election. With assume of eem. I am. very sincerely.
This letter is in itself a strong platform. (Signed)

He was triumphantly chosen to lead the ticket at one of the largest primaries ever held in our city by any political party, where every one of his political faith

Nominations by primaries are provided for by the statutes of our State, which were enacted at the betest of both political parties, and furnish the fairest mean of getting a direct expression from the individual voters as to their choice. The fact that Mr. Wells and his associates were thus nominated in confermity to the will of the individual voters speaks well for them, and it would doubtless have been ore satisfactory to the members of other parties had they been permitted ecord their choice through a direct primary.

Not only are we for Wells for Mayor because of his faithfulness in the past and ence in him for the future, but we believe that his defeat at this time would be barmful to our city and cities so and their truest and best in We therefore request those of our fellow-citizens sharing the above views as

the duty of the hour to join with us in calling a mass meeting, and that all of our fellow-citizens be invited to attend, and that Honorable Rolla Wells be requested to

PLANS RAPIDLY ADVANCING IN SUPPORT OF MOVEMENT

ernment administration and organizing to further their united efforts in behalf of municipal progress, the Business Men's i Wells Campaign Committee of One Thou- best interests that Mayor Wel's be resand began its work at the Mcreantile

Club last night. The first step was to perfect a perma nent organization and then, with the

adoption of resolutions informing the Wells dministration and Democratic ticket, the full test of which appears rangements were begun for a monster mass meeting for all voters, irrespective of party affiliations. Saturday night at ome central point

Further than pledging themselves incampaign by organization work, speaking in other ways, those present promhel to serve as election judges and clerks if called upon, to insure an honest count

The meeting was the result of a move ment launched at the St. Louis Club a week ago for combining the business and other substantial interests in behalf of good government as advocated by Mayor Weils and those who represent the Demo cratic party on the ticket with him. Inritations were sent out to various men of posiness integrity and prominence, the purpose being to secure a representative

When David R. Francis the temporary chairman, called the meeting to order last night more than one hundred men whore names are identified with the city's best interests were present. Many of these made strong addresses for the support of the Wells good government ticket.

The general theme of the speeches was that the campaign was defined along lines of good government against interior government and that parties lines should not conceal the real issue. "A record of schievement is better than a platform of premises" was a sentiment which found strong index-rement and several speakers at the first of the character of John H. Simon, James Hagerman, J. E. Smith, C. H. Huttig, Harry B. Hawen.

Urging the continuation of a good gov- | any other candidate than Mayor Wells In outlining the purposes of the meet

ing. Mr. Francis stated that the issue was such that it was necessary for the city's tained. He reviewed briefly the achievements of the present administration, and suggested that the sense of the meeting should be reflected in suitable resolutions. He then took up the permanent organization and appointed a committee of five to offer suggestions for officers.

The committee, H. N. Davis, James Hagerman, E. F. Goltra, T. K. Skinker recommendations, which were copted manimously: J. E. Smith, per chairman; C. H. Huttig, N. W. McLeod. William H. Drube J. J. Pauley and D. R. Calboun, vice chairmen; D. R. Francis Jr., secretary, and G. H. Walker, treas-

The Committee on Resolutions-Frederick N. Jusson, James Hagerman and John M. Wood-then reported, Mr. Judson reading the incorsement of the Wells adminis

ters, smid liberal applause. Mr. Prancis suggested that everyone present should give his name and adas soon as possible. He started if off by saving "My name is D. R. Francis and I live at Newstead and Maryland avenues Mr. Francis also suggested that definite ction be taken toward the mass meeting Saturday night. He recommended that the permanent chairman, Mr. Smith, with two and report to the organization. In connection with the plans of the organization, Mr. Francis also suggested beadquarters with a suitable room for midday ings, similar to those being held with much success at the Democratic head-

American Minister Says If Answer Is Not Satisfactory United States Will Act.

SITUATION BECOMES ACUTE

Holland Representative Says His Country May Use Coercive Force-No Development in France's Case.

stad, Island of Curacae, March 21.—The Venezuelan Government, it is an-nounced from Caracan, has received a note from the American Minister, Mr. Bowen, ing an answer as to whether Vene and saying that in case of a refusal the United States will feel free to take the steps which may be necessary to secure justice.

The Charge d'Affaires of the Nether-

lands has advised the Venezuelan Government that Holland will use coercive me ures, in view of the fact that she has been unable to secure the release from impris-onment in Venezuein of five Dutch saliors who have been illegally kept in prison for

BOWER'S COURSE DIRECTED BY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, March 21.—Diplomat's cross surposes again seem to be at work in the

the United States Minister to Ven Herbert W. Bowen, has notified Pre Castro that he must give a straight an swer to our inquiry as to whether he was willing to submit the disputes between the two Governments to arbitration, and if he was not willing to arbitrate, then the United States would consider itself free to take its own course, which means "arbi-

In calling upon President Castro for an answer to his proposition to submit to ar-bitration the issues between the United States and Veneguela. Mr. Powen, it to said here, is acting in accordance with specific instructions from the State Department which have recently been placed

kind to the Venezuelan Foreign Office several months ago and there was an exchange of notes on the subject, but its furabrupt departure from the capital of President Castro at a moment when his own decision was required.

If President Castro rejects this last offer that he will promptly cable that fact to the State Department and it will then be determined what course to pursue. The imister's presentment of this matter. erefore, is not an actual ultimatum, for the way is still open for further neg tions, if the department decides that the time has not yet arrived to withdraw its Minister and adept some exercive meas-

There is great reluctance on the part of the efficials to the adoption of the latter course, but the situation ! believed to be ing to submit to the complete effacement of the American claims, some action must

THE BOND ISSUE

David R. Francis Principal Speaker at Annual Banquet -- Business Men Commend System of Clarifying City Water.

The St. Louis Manufacturers' Awards tion adopted remissions last night at the annual meeting and hanquet at the Jefferson Hotel, indorsing the proposed \$5.60,000 bond issue. President Franc's of the Exposition Company was the principal peaker for the twue The water and free bridge questi

were discussed by officials of the Water Department and many manufacturers. Letters commending the water supply were read from many St. Louis manufacand confined his remarks to the proposed

bond issue, which he characterized as a vital necessity of the city and every res-"Twenty years ago," he said, "when I was ejected Mayor of St. Louis every city institution was then crowded. Since then the population of the city had don-

"At that time the bonded debt of the city was \$2,00,00 and the assessed value \$35.00,000. To-day the bended debt is but city has increased to \$150,400,000, almost

"The bond terms will mean an increase in taxes of only & a year for every \$1.000 assessed value of the property of the tax-

WATER CLARIFICATION INDORSED. Other meakers who wigen the law were Henry T. Keat, president of the Civio Improvement League; T. S. McPheeter president of the McPheeters Warrhou Company; W. F. Saunders, secretary of the Business Men's League, and Anthony litner of the itiner Brick Company. Secretary Charles Ware then read many lettery from manufacturors, the majority

of whom stated that the water surgly was much improved since it had been clas-ified. Among those who spoke on the subject were: Doctor R. B. H. Gradwohl, Ben C. Adding. John Wisford, chemist of the Mater Department, and Julius S. Walen Jr. A paper criticising the method of cha-ifying the water was read from G. E. M. Praft.